

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) and the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) are designating the month of September to honor the service and sacrifice of Florida law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2021. Sadly, this includes the growing number of those who have succumbed to COVID-19 while protecting our communities. Both associations continue to raise awareness of the ongoing threat to law enforcement from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers understand their oath of service means sacrifice. Over the past 18 months, that's meant willingly exposing themselves to COVID-19 in the line of duty, and potentially exposing their families when they return home; and

WHEREAS, FPCA President and Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety Department Director Stephan Dembinsky released a statement: *"So far this year, 21 officers gave all and made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, including 14 who died from COVID-19, which is more than last year at this time. Now, to honor and remember their fallen colleagues, the Florida Police Chiefs Association calls on all law enforcement to wear mourning bands the entire month of September and publicly salute the service of all fallen law enforcement officers in the state of Florida."*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach is extremely grateful to all law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifice to keep Florida communities, including Ormond Beach, safe and secure. The City's Police Department is standing in solidarity with their fellow officers in wearing the mourning bands for the month of September.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim September 2021, as a time to honor

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage citizens to join with me in supporting all law enforcement officers and thanking them for their service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor